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**EX PARTE VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, GN Docket No. 12-268; Policies Regarding Mobile Spectrum Holdings, WT Docket No. 12-269; Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction 1000, Including Auctions 1001 and 1002, AU Docket No. 14-252***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 6, 2015, representatives of T-Mobile USA, Inc.<sup>1</sup> (“T-Mobile”) met with members of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) Incentive Auction Task Force and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss software design and auction rule implementation for the Incentive Auction.<sup>2</sup>

During the meeting, the representatives from T-Mobile sought clarity on several logistical and technical issues related to the Incentive Auction. In particular, the representatives from T-Mobile asked several questions about intra-round bidding, including about the logistics, pricing, and limits for intra-round bids, the feasibility of intra-round bidding at different points during the auction, switch bids, and the pseudo-random tiebreaker.

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<sup>1</sup> T-Mobile USA, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of T-Mobile US, Inc., a publicly traded company.

<sup>2</sup> The following individuals participated in the meeting: Steve Sharkey, Chris Wieczorek, and Michael Amend of T-Mobile; Trey Hanbury and Tom Peters of Hogan Lovells US LLP, counsel to T-Mobile; Margaret Weiner, Craig Bomberger, Rita Cookmeyer, and Martha Stancill of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Sasha Javid, Melissa Dunford, Rachel Kazan, William Scher, Gary Epstein, Howard Symons, and Evan Kwerel of the Incentive Auction Task Force; and Greg Rosston and Andy Skrzpacz, consultants to T-Mobile (by phone).

The representatives from T-Mobile also inquired about the timing of any supplementary information the Commission plans to release regarding the Incentive Auction and about the predicted timing for the commencement of the forward auction. Additionally, the representatives from T-Mobile discussed the potential for opportunities to test the bidding software for the Incentive Auction prior to the mock auction and reviewed the technical issues posed by the Incentive Auction, including file formats for auction results.

Finally, the representatives from T-Mobile asked about the spectrum reserve, specifically seeking additional information about what the effect the auction transition to each new stage of the auction will have on the amount of reserve spectrum.

Under Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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